18. Discuss the different types of semantic changes with suitable examples.

19. Explain the major sources of vocabulary development in the English language.

20. Analyse the role of phonological changes in the transition from Old English to Modern English.

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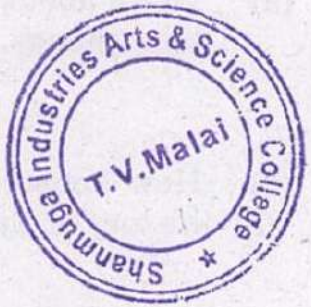

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23UEN42 — LANGAUGE AND LINGUISTICS

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. What is Indo-European family of languages?

2. Name two branches of the Indo-European family.

3. What is the main difference between Old English and Middle English?

4. How did the Norman Conquest impact the English language?

5. Give two examples of words borrowed from Greek into English.

6. Name two Latin influences on the English language.

7. Define "semantic change" with an example.

8. What is the difference between phonetics and phonology?

9. Give an example of a diphthong in English.

10. What are the three major periods of English?

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SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) Write about the Indo-European origins of English.

Or

(b) How did Old English differ from Modern English in terms of vocabulary and grammar?

12. (a) What influence did Scandinavian languages have on English?

Or

(b) Discuss the impact of French on English after the Norman conquest.

13. (a) What are the some major sources of vocabulary growth in English?

Or

(b) Explain how the meanings of words change over time with examples.

14. (a) How did Latin contribute to English vocabulary and grammar?

Or

(b) Discuss how Indian languages have influenced English vocabulary.

15. (a) Write about monophihongs, diphthongs and triphthongs.

Or

(b) How consonant sounds have changed in the history of English?

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Describe the evolution of English from the Indo-European family to Modern English.

17. How did the Norman Conquest lead to major linguistic changes in English?